

## WHO MUST TAKE THE ASSESSMENTS

Technical skills assessments are given to **all** students who have:  
Completed a career and technical education (CTE) program **OR**  
are leaving a program and have completed more than half of the program (at least seven segments)

## GENERAL UPDATES

### **2014-2015 TECHNICAL SKILLS ASSESSMENT COORDINATORS WEB BRIEFING** **EVERY MONTH ON TUESDAY FROM 3:00 TO 4:00 P.M.**

**Remaining Assessment Webinars for 2015—** April 14, May 12, June 16

Following are the required assessments for 2014-15. If there are any updates to these assessments, communication will be emailed.

### **PROGRAMS WITH REQUIRED ASSESSMENTS FOR 2014-15**

- Automotive Repair Technician (47.0604)
- Collision Repair Technician (ASE Certified) (47.0603)
- Maintenance and Light Repair (47.0604)
- Medium/Heavy Truck Technician (ASE Certified) (47.0613)
- Health Science (26.0102, 51.0000, 51.1000, 51.0707)
- Education and Training (13.0000)
- Business, Management and Administration (52.0299)
- Law and Public Safety (43.0100)
- Marketing (52.1999)
- Finance (52.0800)

### **PROGRAMS WITH ELIMINATED ASSESSMENTS FOR 2014-15**

Based on the survey data from teachers, proctors, and students, the decision has been made to eliminate the following assessments until further notice. The field will be informed when appropriate assessments have been identified for these programs.

*Radio and TV Broadcasting Technology (10.0202)*

*Graphics and Printing Technology and Communications (10.0301)*

**For detailed information on 2013-14 Implemented Assessments:**

[http://www.michigan.gov/mde/0,4615,7-140-6530\\_2629\\_53970---,00.html](http://www.michigan.gov/mde/0,4615,7-140-6530_2629_53970---,00.html)

## TEST ADMINISTRATION

### Refreshers

#### **Assessment Extraction Dates**

In order to accommodate as many districts with quarter sessions, semesters, and trimesters, the dates of the student demographic data access will be made on the following dates: **March 27, 2015** **April 15, 2015**

#### **Deadline for Assessment Testing**

All assessment testing should be completed by **May 15, 2015**, for state reporting purposes. If an extension is needed, please contact Joe Polasek ([polasekj3@michigan.gov](mailto:polasekj3@michigan.gov)) so that the exception can be noted.

#### **Assessment Analysis Reports**

These reports, showing Pass/Fail rates for all program tests administered within a given CEPD, are available through CTEIS.com to all Level 5/Fiscal Agents. Level Five users may also grant permissions to other staff to view these reports. It may be downloaded and shared with other staff at the discretion of the Level 5/Fiscal Agent. Please note that student names will be listed on the report.

#### **Student UIC Corrections**

The UIC correction window for the 2014-2015 school year is set for late August 2015 with the exact date still TBA at this time. OCTE asks that a staff member with access and the ability to make adjustments be available to make changes, as needed, to student UIC data during that time period. Please be aware and plan accordingly.

#### **Education Assessment Reminders**

OCTE's Assessment website has been updated to include the most recent technical assistance documents regarding the alternative pass measures for the Education Assessment. Please refer to them first when looking for answers regarding the process. Also, please remember that students registering for the PRE must select "Michigan CTE Education Program (97)" from the drop-down list of institutions when registering for the assessment.

#### **IT Assessment Development is Progressing**

OCTE is continuing to develop assessments for the Information Technology Career Cluster (CIP codes 11.0901 and 11.1001, Computer Systems Networking and Computer Systems Administration) through a partnership with NOCTI. OCTE is still planning to pilot the tests in May, 2015.

### New for Review

OPPS has informed OCTE that PowerSchool transcripts will be accepted for those students opting to use the ACT alternative to the PRE. This alleviates the need for requesting the sealed score from ACT. Please note that only the official transcript will be accepted.

Precision Exams is offering Career Skills Site Licenses, allowing a school unlimited access to pre/post test versions from their assessment library of more than 150 tests. The cost of a 12 month license is \$3,950. Contact [jslater@precisionexams.com](mailto:jslater@precisionexams.com) for more information.

## OTHER INFORMATION

- ♦ Teachers who teach the content related to the assessment **should not** be administering the assessment to their students.
- ♦ None of the secondary CTE assessments currently identified in Michigan for federal reporting of CTE program effectiveness have been validated for measuring growth and should not be used as the sole element in educator evaluations at this point. Please see the following link for full policy statement: [http://www.michigan.gov/mde/0,4615,7-140-2629\\_53970---,00.html](http://www.michigan.gov/mde/0,4615,7-140-2629_53970---,00.html).